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A.—The Government do not understand what is meant by the term 'outsider' nor have they information on the appointment of Inspectors in the department.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I point out to the hon. the Minister for Development that the word 'outsider' was used by him first in his famous speech at Guntur? Probably there he referred to the people who are not connected with the co-operative societies."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" The word has many meanings."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" In what meaning was the word used in his Guntur speech? "

Qualifications for the post of Deputy Registrars, etc., in the Co-operative Department.

* 267 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has fixed any qualifications for the post of deputy registrar, of assistant registrar and of inspectors in the Co-operative Department;

(b) whether it is a fact that the new reorganization scheme is intended to encourage men now in service in the department;

(c) if so, how many assistant registrars are going to be newly appointed;

(d) how many chief inspectors there are in the department with more than ten years' service and whether there are not many among them qualified to discharge the duties of assistant registrars; and

(e) whether it is a fact that such men are being overlooked in favour of recruitment from outside the department?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 5 of G.O. No. 378, Development, dated 12th March 1925, placed on the Editors' Table, and to article 1 of Public Service Notification published at page 34 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 15th January 1924.

(b) The reorganization scheme is explained in paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 5 of G.O. No. 378, Development, dated 12th March 1925, placed on the Editors' Table.

(c) Of the twenty-five posts of Assistant Registrars sanctioned in the reorganization scheme, nine have been filled by promotion from the grade of Chief Inspectors, eight appointments are held by men who were already working as Assistant Registrars and the remaining eight will be filled by direct recruitment.

(d) & (e) Twenty-eight. Those considered suitable have been promoted on probation.

Status of the newly appointed assistant registrars of Co-operative Societies.

* 268 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether under the new reorganization scheme persons to be newly appointed as assistant registrars are to be classified as non-gazetted officers;

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(b) whether they can exercise the powers of a Registrar, such as registration, arbitration, enquiry, audit and liquidation ;

(c) if so, what are the functions of control to be exercised by the deputy registrars over them ; and

(d) whether this power to be newly given to the assistant registrars is to be conferred on all in that cadre or is it to be conferred only on selected capable men ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The powers conferred on these assistant registrars are specified in Notifications Nos. 185 and 210, published at pages 1197 and 1265 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 7th and 21st July 1925, respectively.

(c) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 4 of G.O. No. 378, Development, dated 12th March 1925, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

(d) No assistant registrar will be invested with these powers unless he is considered capable and has, if necessary, undergone training.

Mode of auditing central banks.

* 269 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to his answer to interpellation No. 472, dated 17th March 1925—

(a) whether it is a fact that audit orders of central banks are issued as if the banks were audited by assistant registrars when they are actually audited only by chief inspectors ;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the case of all other societies audit orders are issued by those who actually audit them ;

(c) the reason for adopting in the case of the audit of central banks this procedure which misleads the public as to the actual state of affairs ;

(d) whether he has any objection to prescribe that central banks should be actually audited by assistant registrars as was done in the early years of the movement ; and

(e) whether in his new scheme of reorganization provision has been made for different kinds of co-operative societies being adequately audited by competent auditors ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) In the case of all societies the audit orders mention the names of persons who actually conducted the audit.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Government do not propose to interfere with the discretion vested in the Registrar under section 17 of the Co-operative Societies Act of 1912.

(e) Yes.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ With regard to answer to (d), these central banks are now attracting deposits of lakhs and lakhs of rupees from those who are bidders in alkali sales, from people who have taken contracts for jails and other public spirited people. It is very necessary that these people should have confidence in these banks. If they are merely audited by the chief inspectors, it will not inspire confidence in the investors nor attract